in which HUDCO funds are being deposited in various banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) HUDCO's resources consist of Central Government equity, loans from financial institutions, market borrowing through Government guaranteed debentures and public sector bonds and repayment from borrowing agencies as will as grants/loans from overseas financial institutions.

HUDCO utilises these funds for financing various housing and urban infrastructure projects etc. implemented by State level housing and urban development agencies, local bodies, private developers as well as Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). About 40% funds are utilised for non-housing schemes, viz., urban infrastructure development projects etc.

(b) and (c) HUDCO has reported that the surplus funds not immediately required for release to borrowing agencies are deposited with the banks and other Public Sector Undertakings in accordance with the guidelines approved by HUDCO's Board of Directors which are updated from time to time in conformity with the Government guidelines. HUDCO invites offers from all the nationalised banks and other banks, including private banks (excluding foreign banks) for placing the funds and the amount is placed with the bank offering the highest yield.

(d) HUDCO has reported that no middlemen have been employed for the purpose.

(e) In view of reply to (b) to (d) above, question does not arise.

Counter guarantee for Mangalore and other Power Projects

1409. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal to give counter guarantee in favour of Mangalore Power Project, promoted by Cogentrix international Corporation of U.S. and China Light and Power International;

(b) if so, what are the details of the project, and the counter guarantee extended; and

(c) the details of other private sector power projects approved and those pending for approval for installation of power generation units in different parts of the country and the counter guarantees, if any, extended or under consideration in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Government of India (GOI) has decided to extend counter guarantee to the State Guarantee for the Karnataka Electricity Board's payment obligations to the Mangalore Power Company for setting up a coal based 1000 MW (4×250 MW) Thermal Power Station at Mangalore, Karnataka.

(c) As on 31.10.1996, nineteen private sector power projects have been accorded techno-economic clearance aggregating to 10,848 MW by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA). In case of 5 other projects, the complete Detailed Project Reports have been filed with the CEA for the techno-economic appraisal. Government of India (GOI) has agreed to extend counter guarantee to eight initial projects cleared from foreign investment angle. Out of these, counter guarantee for three projects, namely,

Dabhol (Phase-I), Ib Valley (Unit 3&4) and Jegurupadu have been issued. Promoters of Godavari TPS have since withdrawn the request for GOI counter guarantee.

Lease or sale of food processing unit in Bihar

1410. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision taken by the Bihar Government in August, 1991, to give on lease to private parties or make an outright sale of the food processing unit established in 1985 under the Bihar Food and vegetable Development Corporation, with 49% Central assistance;

(b) if so, the progress made in pursuance of the above decision;

(c) whether this unit is completely closed for more than six years, resulting in large scale unemployment and financial loss to fruit and vegetable growers; and

(d) the steps taken to re-open and restart production in this unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (d) The Bihar Fruit & Vegetable Development Corproation Limited, Patna, established in October, 1980, with the objective to promote and pursue all round development of horticulture in the State of Bihar, set up a fruit and vegetable processing unit at Hazipur in Bihar, which came into operation in July, 1985.

Unfortunately, due to various factors such as non-availability of working capital, etc., the unit was forced to discontinue its productive activities in May, 1990. Since then efforts are on either to give the corporation's Hazipur unit on long term lease, or dispose it off on outright sale basis.

Contract signed with the Reliance-Enron Consortium

1411. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1206 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1996 and state whether in view of the raids conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigtion at the residence of the former Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, it is now proposed to reconsider the earlier decision not to review the contract signed with the Reliance-Enron Consortium for exploiting the Mukta and Panna oilfields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): No, Sir.

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1412. **श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल:** क्या **ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राष्ट्रीय कृषि विपणन पुरस्कार, 1995 के लिए ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय को कितने व्यक्तियों से कृषि विपणन के क्षेत्र में उनके असाधारण कार्य के लिए नामांकन प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) इन व्यक्तियों का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या यह पुरस्कार संबंधित व्यक्तियों को दिया गया है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) राष्ट्रीय कृषि विपणन पुरस्कार, 1995 को प्राप्त करने के लिए व्यक्तिगत श्रेणी के 24 नामांकन प्राप्त हुए।

(ख) और (ग) व्यक्तियों के राज्यवार ब्यौरे संलग्न विवरण में दिये गये हैं **(नीचे देखिए)**। कृषि विपणन के लिए (1995) राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कारों हेतु वितरित किए जाने वाली शील्ड/स्मृति चिह्न को चयनित व्यक्तियों को दिये जाने के मॉडल को अभी अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है।